

House Resolution 236

By: Representatives Dawkins-Haigler of the 93rd, Smyre of the 132nd, Sinkfield of the 60th, Shipp of the 58th, Mitchell of the 88th, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Turner Theological Seminary; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the week of February 2, 2009, marks the occasion of Turner Theological
3 Seminary's 115th Founders Convocation; and
- 4 WHEREAS, the seminary was established in 1894 as a department of Morris Brown College
5 and became Turner Theological Seminary in 1900 in honor of Bishop Henry McNeal Turner;
6 and
- 7 WHEREAS, Bishop Turner served as resident bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal
8 Church and Turner Seminary, is a founding constituent of the Interdenominational
9 Theological Center, and was elected to the Georgia legislature in 1868; and
- 10 WHEREAS, currently, Turner Theological Seminary is an ecumenical graduate school
11 accredited by the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada and
12 the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools; and
- 13 WHEREAS, Bishop William Phillips DeVaux currently serves as the Chairman of the
14 Board for Turner Theological Seminary; and
- 15 WHEREAS, Reverend T. G. Steward, a former United States Army chaplain, served as the
16 first president of Turner Theological Seminary and Turner Theological Seminary has grown
17 and prospered under the leadership and guidance of its other deans: Dr. Josephus R. Coan;
18 Dr. Cecil W. Cone, I; Dr. George L. Champion; Dr. Clayton D. Wilkerson; Dr. Daniel W.
19 Jacobs, Sr.; and Dr. John F. Green; and
- 20 WHEREAS, the rich and magnificent history of Turner Theological Seminary and its
21 remarkable contributions and achievements to the State of Georgia are worthy of recognition.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
23 the members of this body commend the great contributions of Turner Theological Seminary
24 to the field of education and congratulate students, faculty, and staff on the occasion of its
25 115th Founders Convocation.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
27 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Turner Theological
28 Seminary's President and Dean, Dr. John F. Green.